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Assistant Director for Research and Reports

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Current Problems of the Office of Research and Reports

1. The main concern of all the Office of Research and Reports at this point is how to get under way the attack on our new objectives and dispose of the remnants of our previous functions. The problem of getting under way centers around the determination of the objectives of our research effort and the assignment of specific projects that will lead toward meeting those objectives. This problem is discussed in greater detail at Tab A. Other major problems facing the Office of Research and Reports are discussed below.

2. Problems of Organization:

a. Organization of the Office of Research and Reports - An organization plan and a Table of Organization have been submitted to the Deputy Director for approval. (Copies are attached at Tab B.) Implementation of the plan has been delayed in part pending approval. It is recommended that approval be obtained in principle from the Deputy Director and that implementation proceed immediately.

The Table of Organization calls for an organization of 815 persons. It is recommended that the Deputy Director be informed that (a) neither the total number of people nor their proper organization can be determined definitively at this time, and (b) the Office of Research and Reports will submit a revised Table of Organization and organization plan within ninety days.

b. Recruitment of personnel - The Office of Research and Reports is far short of its personnel goals. The Contact Register of the Office of Operations is screening its holdings to provide us with lists of names arranged according to the various fields of inquiry included in the four Economic Divisions of the Office of Research and Reports. The Register includes all names listed with American Men of Science and the American Society of Engineers (a total of about 50,000 names). The Agency personnel office has also been requested to obtain lists of retired personnel from the Department of Defense with technical, language, or area skills of interest to the Office of Research and Reports. Prior informal agreement was obtained from the Service Departments. Their lists cover about 25,000 names. In the meantime it is recommended that all personnel be "frozen" in the Office of Research and Reports and that no persons be allowed to transfer to other parts of the Agency until their cases can be re-examined.

c. Space - The question of space allocation is complicated by factors that Mr. [REDACTED] or myself can discuss with you.

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3. Special Problems:

a. Psychological Intelligence - No final determination has been made as to the disposition of Psychological Intelligence. The Department of State seems to feel that, with certain reservations, the responsibility should be assigned there. The Department of Defense, on the other hand, is at violent bureaucratic issue with the State Department over control of Psychological Warfare. They may, therefore, prefer to have its intelligence support assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency as a responsibility of common concern. It is recommended that the Office of Research and Reports press for a resolution of this problem. In the meantime we have the nucleus of a Psychological Intelligence Division hanging over from the old organization of the Office of Research and Reports.

b. [REDACTED] - The Assistant Director for Research and Reports is ex-officio chairman of the Director of Central Intelligence's Committee on International Communism [REDACTED]. It has been agreed that research responsibility for the Communist Movement will be allocated to the Department of State. Chairmanship of the Committee should be transferred to an appropriate official of the Department of State. 25X1A2g

c. Daily Korean Summary - In its caretaker role, the Office of Research and Reports has continued to publish the Daily Summary of the Korean situation. This function should be transferred to the Office of Current Intelligence as soon as possible.

4. Special Projects:

a. NSC 282 - This NSC action directed CIA to survey the economic intelligence facilities of the United States Government, prepare a statement of the total requirements of the United States Government for economic intelligence, and make recommendations concerning measures that would better coordinate the economic intelligence facilities of the United States Government to meet the requirements of the Government for such intelligence. Work on this matter has been under way in the Office of Research and Reports since March 1950. The survey is complete except for the State Department and for checking questions that develop in the course of preparing the report of the survey. The Statement of Requirements has been checked with 24 Government Departments and Agencies and is being amended on the basis of their comments. The main job remaining is that of formulating recommendations for the measures to enable the producing facilities to meet the requirements of the Government. It has far-reaching implications and, if done properly, may be of the greatest value to the Office of Research and Reports in future operations.

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b. Advisers - Plans have been made for a series of panels of advisers drawn from industry and the universities to assist in the resolution of problems in various fields of inquiry. A pilot panel is now operating under the direction of Mr. [REDACTED] of the Office of Current Intelligence. Either Mr. [REDACTED] or myself can brief you concerning some of the issues involved in the use of this panel and their implications for the entire plan. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

5. Disposition of Projects Currently Under Way in the Office of Research and Reports:

a. Tab C is a copy of a memorandum submitted to the Assistant Director for Research and Reports with recommendations for the disposition of the remaining projects in the CIA/RR and SR Series. These recommendations have been approved with minor modifications and are being implemented by the Publications Division of the Plans and Operations Staff.

b. Tab D is a copy of a memorandum listing projects for which the Office of Research and Reports has accepted responsibility and which will, it is assumed, continue under the new plan of organization. This list was submitted for information.

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